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DCMA Commends SPI Awardees

The Defense Contract Management Agency held the annual Single Process Initiative Recognition Awards Program on May 5, at DCMA headquarters, Fort Belvoir, Va.

The Single Process Initiative (SPI) is a key aspect of the Department of Defense's civil military integration. CMI partners DoD with defense industries to reduce costs to both buyers and contractors, as well as improve performance.

First implemented in 1995 and managed by DCMA, SPI provides a method to achieve these acquisition reform goals. DCMA personnel work with customers and suppliers to change the terms of current contracts so that contractors can shift from multiple, government-unique management and manufacturing processes to common, facility-wide processes. This consolidation increases efficiency and reduces contractor-operating costs, which contribute to improved cost, schedule and performance benefits for the government.

The SPI Recognition Program was created to promote better teamwork, communication, and cooperation among contractors, customers, DCMA, and the Defense Contract Audit Agency. This year's awards ceremony recognized significant achievements in acquisition reform by five Management Councils, two DCMA Contract Management Offices and 30 individuals.

David Oliver, principal deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, served as keynote speaker for the awards ceremony. "This process (SPI) has jump-started the Department's efforts toward achieving civil-military integration," said Oliver. "It is doing an excellent job."

The Management Councils, which consist of senior representatives from customer buying activities and program management offices, DCAA, DCMA, and contractors, were recognized in the categories of Civil Military Integration, Supplier Mentoring, and Acquisition Pollution Prevention.

The Contract Administration Offices were recognized in the category of Increasing Participation; and individuals were recognized in the category of Individual Achievement.

The nominees were chosen by selection panels convened for each category, then endorsed by Malishenko.

"The SPI is a key element of the civil-military revolution in business affairs," said Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Malishenko, DCMA director. "It enables suppliers to integrate their commercial and military operations to reduce overhead and thus providing better value to the customer and access to better technology."

Following are the 1999 winners and their categories:

CATEGORY

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Civil Military Integration

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Ft. Worth, Texas
Northrop Grumman Air Combat Systems, El Segundo, Calif.

Supplier Mentoring

Boeing Enterprise-wide, Seattle, Wash.
Lockheed Martin Corporation, Bethesda, Md.

Acquisition Pollution Prevention

Raytheon Company, Arlington, Va.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Increasing Participation

DCMA, Dayton, Ohio
DCMA, Seattle, Wash.

Individual

INDUSTRY

Brad Elik
Raymond A. Hopkins
Wendell Child
Jim Kennedy
Kathy E. Eppers
Jim Kzaley
Arthur L. Major

Boeing Aircraft & Missile Systems, St. Louis, Mo.
The Boeing Company, Mesa, Az.
L3 Communications
Litton Guidance & Control
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Ft. Worth, Tx.
Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics & Surveillance Systems
Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company – Astronautics Operations
Lockheed Martin Systems Integration Business
Northrop Grumman Integrated Systems & Aerostructures
Northrop Grumman Electronic Sensors and Systems Sector
Raytheon Electronic Systems
Space Systems/Loral

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Program Executive Office Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors

James T. Steelman

Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles Innovative Acquisition Team

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Steven C. Brandt	Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia
William J. Budd, Jr.	Program Executive Office for Theater Surface Combatants
Jackie Y. Mercer	Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters
Fernando Omega	Program Executive Office for Theater Surface Combatants
Randel H. Stone	Program Executive Office Cruise Missiles and Joint Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
Jeffre T. Thrasher	Naval Sea Systems Command Headquarters

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

David A. Franke	Aeronautical Systems Center, F-16 System Program Office
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James Brinkley	DCM Philadelphia
Gary J. Cegalis	DCM Raytheon Los Angeles
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Rosemarie Kelly	DCM Seattle
Kenneth R. Ladage	DCM Twin Cities – Rockwell Cedar Rapids
Viann M. Martinez	DCM Denver-Utah